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FILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing for a

continuation divisional continuation-in-part (CIP)

application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/853,463 filed on 05/10/2001, by

Tu, Hosheng and Quijano, Rodolfo C., entitled:

DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR A STENTLESS VALVE BIOPROSTHESIS

For CONTINUATION or DIVISION APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, referenced above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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(37 C.F.R. §1.10)

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I. APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED

11 Page(s) of Written Description

2 Page(s) of Claims

1 Page(s) of Abstract

7 Sheet(s) of Drawings formal informal

2 Page(s) of Declaration or Declaration and Power of Attorney

Copy from prior application [37 CFR §1.63(d)]

Newly executed

_____ Other:

Assignment papers (cover sheet and documents(s))

An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449, with copies of cited items.

Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35

II. FEE CALCULATION

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

BASIC FILING FEE:						\$770.00
Total Claims	7	-	20	=	0	x \$18.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x \$80.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	\$270	(if applicable)				<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity.					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(385.00)
Misc. Filing Fees (Recordation of Assignment)						\$0.00
TOTAL FEES DUE HEREWITH						\$385.00

III. PRIORITY - 35 USC § 119

- Priority of application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 USC § 119.
- The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. _____ on _____.
- The certified copy will follow.

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IV. AMENDMENTS

- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by Amendment must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

V. RELATE BACK - 35 USC § 120

- Relate back information included in preliminary amendment or specification.
- Please amend the specification as follows:
- With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are) [37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)]:
- the same.
- less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted [see 37 CFR §§1.33(b) AND 1.63(d)(2)]:
[Name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted]

VI. METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FEES

- Attached is a check in the amount of ____.
- Charge Jones Day's Deposit Account No. **50-2468** in the amount of \$385.00.
- Not attached. No filing fee is submitted. [This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.]

VII. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit Jones Day's Deposit Account No. **50-2468** for any over payment of fees and to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. **50-2468**:

- 37 CFR § 1.16 (Filing fees and excess claims fees)
- 37 CFR § 1.17 (Application processing fees)
- 37 CFR § 1.21 (Assignment recordation fees)

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VIII. POWER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

- The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on May 22, 2003 in prior application Serial No. 09/853,463.
 - A new power has been executed and is attached.

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IX. MAINTENANCE OF CO-PENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION

- A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending **prior** application until _____. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the **prior** application is attached.
 - A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending **prior** application. A copy of the conditional petition for extension of time in the **prior** application is attached.

X. ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION

- Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application co-pending with said prior application. At the same time, please add the words "now abandoned" to the amendment of the specification set forth in Item V above.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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CEO
Title of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee

Assignment papers enclosed herewith.